## What is claimed is:

- 1. An oil filter for an engine comprising:
- an elongated cylindrical filter having a first open end with

  a rim in fluid communication with the engine and a

  second closed end; and
  - a rare earth magnet surrounding the rim on the first open end of the filter.
- 10 2. The oil filter of claim 1 wherein the rare earth magnet is a samarium cobalt magnet.
  - 3. The oil filter of claim 1 wherein the rare earth magnet is a neodymium iron boron magnet.

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- 4. An oil filter for enhanced filtering of oil within an engine comprising:
- an elongated cylindrical filter having an open end in fluid communication with the engine and a closed end with a
- 20 bottom; and
  - a rare earth magnet attached to the bottom of the filter.
  - 5. The oil filter of claim 4 wherein the rare earth magnet is a samarium cobalt magnet.

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6. The oil filter of claim 4 wherein the rare earth magnet is a neodymium iron boron magnet.

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- 7. An oil filter for enhanced filtering of oil within an engine comprising:
- an elongated cylindrical filter having a first open end in fluid communication with the engine and a second closed end formed from a rare earth magnet.
  - 8. The oil filter of claim 7 wherein the rare earth magnet is a samarium cobalt magnet.
- 10 9. The oil filter of claim 7 wherein the rare earth magnet is a neodymium iron boron magnet.